

26 February 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
 FROM : Angus MacLean Thuermer *ES*
 SUBJECT : Contacts with the Press

Listed below is a summary of contacts with the press reported by Agency personnel for 25 February.

<u>Media Representative</u>	<u>Agency Contact</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sol Sanders Research Institute of America		Briefing on So. Africa set for 26 Feb. STATINTL
George Gedda AP		Asks briefing from on reports Cubans are poised to strike into Namibia. Can't do till next week. STATINTL
Ramon Lopez WTOP		Asks info on recruiting. We'll send some printed material from OP.
Jerry Norton Commodities News Service		Re new Soviet hard currency trade report.
Dan Morgan <i>Washington Post</i>	Mr. Thuermer	Re export of miniature ball-bearing manufacturing equipment to USSR.
Bill Lanouette <i>National Observer</i>		Uranium briefing set for 26 Feb. STATINTL
Peter Lisagor <i>Chicago Daily News</i>	Mr. Thuermer	Invited us to Gridiron banquet on 3 April.

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Barry Lando
CBS

[REDACTED]
CH/OCLA

On 7 Feb, said he STATINTL
doing research on
CIA influence in
mass media.

Mel Elfin
Newsweek

Mr. Thuermer

DCI spoke to
[REDACTED] about STATINTL
interviews.

Joe Harsch
*Christian
Science
Monitor*

Asks briefing on STATINTL
China vs. Soviet
footholds in
Mozambique.

Howard Handleman
U.S. News

Said pamphlets he
ordered arrived today.

Neil Travis
*National
Enquirer*

Asks help with story
on Agee whom he just
interviewed.

Ken Potter
*National
Enquirer*

Asks Agency comment
on danger represented
by "Carlos". Declined.

Peter Blau
Energy Information
Barbara Newcombe
Chicago Tribune

Re our recent list
of publications.

John Crewdson
New York Times

Mr. Thuermer

Re allegations we
interviewed Oswald
after his return to
U.S. Read him DCI
statement re Oswald.

Bruce Agnew
Business Week

We said requested STATINTL
picture to illustrate
OER story will not get
to him this week. Next
week okay.

Jim Canan
Business Week

We said we have no info
on his report that Iran
government close to
being overthrown.

Peter Reynolds
National Enquirer

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Glenn Elsasser
Chicago Tribune

Mr. Thuermer

On background we
clarified [redacted]

[redacted] never CIA STATOTHR
staff; had called
us on phone.

Joe Kane
Time

Mr. Thuermer

Re Soviet military
appraisal. Anything
can be said about
Pentagon assertion
we raise GNP %
from 6 to 14?

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Edwin Dale
New York Times

Dick Seltzer
*Chemical &
Engineering News*

For one of our
publications. Sent.

Asked status of
request for briefing
on Soviet chemical
industry. We
said someone will be
in touch.

Nick Thimmesch
Columnist

Mr. Thuermer

We told him DCI asked
to delay interview;
he also asked re Third
World terrorist
supply of arms to IRA.

ATINTL

Strobe Talbott
Time

[redacted]
NIO

To arrange lunch
a trois with Jerry
Schechter returned
from China 5 Mar.

Frank Starr
Chicago Tribune

[redacted]

Renews request for brief STATINTL
growth of KGB in
W. Europe, numbers and
mode of operation.

David Martin
AP

Mr. Thuermer

Asked if we had said
anything on published
reports of \$20 million
for mercenaries in
Angola. Said we said
nothing.

Bob Heinl
Detroit News

Mr. Thuermer

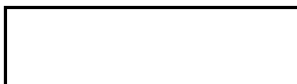
Re Agency position on
Soviet arms NGP.

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Peter Peckarsky
*Buckeye News
and Review*



Asks whether Agency
restricts former
employees from
traveling to certain
countries. Said no.

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<p>ANGUS I regretted another Gridiron invitation did so mean me too if so want a vote</p>		
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February 26, 1976

Public Affairs

Mr. Robert Gold
Model Congress Twelve
c/o New Rochelle High School
265 Clove Road
New Rochelle, NY 10805

Dear Mr. Gold,

Thank you for your letter of February 7 inviting Mr. Bush to address Model Congress 12 at New Rochelle High School. Unfortunately, Mr. Bush will not be available to speak to your group that weekend. He is particularly sorry to miss this chance because he does, as you know, have a great interest in Congress and strongly supports better public understanding of the workings of Congress.

We wish you well in your 12th Congress, and hope that you have an exciting and stimulating session.

Sincerely,

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**Deputy Assistant
to the Director**

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Public Affairs

MODEL CONGRESS 12

NEW ROCHELLE HIGH SCHOOL 265 CLOVE ROAD, NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK 10801 (914) 632-9000 EXT. 389

February 7, 1976

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Dear Director Busch,

This year New Rochelle High School will be hosting its twelfth annual Model Congress. On the weekend of April 9, 10, 11, 1976, nearly five hundred students representing more than thirty states will assemble in New Rochelle to participate as Senators and Representatives in a simulated operation of the national legislative branch. Delegates will write and sponsor their own legislation and debate these bills in committee sessions as well as in the House and Senate. In addition, each delegate will associate himself/herself with one of four political parties.

Essentially, the purpose of Model Congress is to allow young people to present their views and, through the use of the American legislative process, to find solutions to the problems that confront our nation today. Model Congress will serve as a forum for students whose interest in government today will make them the leaders of tomorrow.

Each year the Congress weekend begins with a joint session of the Congress at which the appearance of prominent members of the American political scene stimulates delegate interest. This session is attended by the participating students, city and county legislators, the press, and approximately two thousand residents of New Rochelle and the surrounding communities.

The presence of a national leader such as yourself would be an important contribution to our Congress weekend. Previous speakers who have attended the opening session have included Representative Bella Abzug, Former Representative Hamilton Fish Sr., and Former Mayor John Lindsay. If you think it might be possible for you to speak at our opening ceremonies on Friday, April 9, or at any other time during the weekend, we would be most appreciative.

Enclosed you will find the Model Congress brochure which more fully describes this organization. If you would like any further information, please call or write us in care of Model Congress.

Thank you very much for your prompt reply and we truly hope that you will be able to attend this exciting event.

Sincerely,

Robert Gold
Robert Gold
William P. Clarke
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Robert Gold
Congress Chairman

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25 February 1976

Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear General Walters:

Once again, let me express personally, and on behalf of the Burlington Rotary Club, deep appreciation for your outstanding talk on 23 February 1976. Many of the people who heard you have complimented you most highly. The consensus in the group is that your was the best program was have had in many years.

Enclosed, for your information, is the story which appeared in the Burlington Free Press the day after your visit. I wish it had given a little more coverage to what you had said but I believe it is about as much as one could expect in view of the overall treatment given the CIA by the public media. You were also covered on both local television and radio programs though much more briefly than you were in the Free Press. I think you struck a fine blow for the intelligence community as a whole by informing many of our opinion-makers of the importance and true role of intelligence-gathering agencies.

With best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. M. Cram".

R. M. CRAM
Major General
The Adjutant General

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BURLINGTON VT FREE PRESS

CIA Official Defends Agency Operations

By FREDERICK W. STETSON
Free Press Staff Writer

Despite an unparalleled "bombardment" of public criticism, the Central Intelligence Agency can perform its mission and meet Congress's demands for review of its activities, the CIA deputy director said Monday.

In remarks to the Burlington Rotary Club, Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters defended the agency against its critics and said the CIA could justify its budget "in greatest detail" to the Ford Administration and the Congress.

"We ourselves can live with any kind of oversight the Congress wishes," he said, speaking to Rotarians and their guests from other service clubs at the Ramada Inn in South Burlington.

While he generally refrained from strong criticism of the media's coverage of CIA activities, Walters criticized one columnist's

suggestion that President Ford's proposals for overview of the nation's intelligence gathering community were misguided.

Tom Wicker of The New York Times said the Ford Plan would give greater protection to CIA officials who abused their statutory powers while providing for the prosecution of those who disclosed the abuses.

Walters described the notion as an "Alice in Wonderland — black-is-white-white-is-black" interpretation. He added, however, that it is "just impossible" to ensure completely against further CIA abuse, although there will be efforts to "minimize."

The 59-year-old intelligence official said the CIA staff is operating with a sense of "reassurance," even though it has been subjected to a "bombardment," I think, without parallel in American history.

Walters drew upon a Russian proverb to describe the attitude of the CIA staff in the face of this criticism. The proverb says, "If you fear

wolves do not go out into the forests." And, then the deputy director added, "We have a lot of people who do not fear wolves."

In presenting what he said was "our side" of the controversy that has swirled around the agency for the past several months, Walters said the CIA's covert operations have been overemphasized.

"This part of our activities has gotten all out of proportion in peoples' minds," he said.

Walters did not discuss, nor was he questioned on, the agency's assassination plots against foreign political leaders reported by the Senate Intelligence Committee headed by Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho.

However, he downplayed the scope of all covert operations, saying they account for 5 to 6 per cent of the agency's budget, and to his knowledge, no member of the CIA staff has been indicted in the past 27 years.

Walters didn't provide dollar figures on the CIA's budget but he said less than 1 cent of all

federal tax dollars are spent on intelligence gathering by all agencies.

About 50 per cent of the CIA's operations involve "overt" gathering of intelligence and information from public sources such as foreign newspapers and other publications, he said.

Another large share of the CIA's time is spent conducting "technological" intelligence gathering, presumably through radio broadcast monitoring and interception or decoding of other broadcast signals.

Walters emphasized that strong intelligence is essential to the nation's protection against unexpected enemy actions, especially at a time of international terrorism, nuclear proliferation, Soviet weapons build ups and expansionary actions into nations such as Angola.

"We have to be better informed than at any time in our history," he said. "Knowledge is power."

Despite United States efforts to achieve relaxation of relations with Russia and China, Walters said accurate predictions of these countries' military, technical and political changes are needed.

And, he said he's also mindful of another Russian proverb which says, "When you make friends with the bear do not let go of your axe."

He depicted intelligence operations as a "force for peace" and said, "We recovered from a naval Pearl Harbor; could we recover from a nuclear Pearl Harbor?"

"We cannot afford to be surprised. History will not forgive us if we are."

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18 December 1975

Mr. Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

The Burlington Rotary Club is delighted that Lieutenant General Vernon Walters, Deputy Director, CIA, has consented to address the club on February 23, 1976. For your information, the club meets at the Ramada Inn in South Burlington, Vt, at noon each Monday and the meetings end at 1:30 P.M. Speakers are usually allotted about thirty minutes, including a question and answer period, if desired.

I will take care of ground transportation and will personally meet General Walters when he arrives in Burlington. I would, therefore, appreciate knowing what his travel plans are. Please also let me know of any other arrangements you would like to have me make on this end.

Incidentally, I think it would be good if General Walters chose to bring a Regional representative of the CIA with him as a means of establishing a sense of some local flavor to the organization.

To assist in getting some good advance publicity, a photo (two would be better) of General Walters would be most appreciated. If the General would like a press conference, either before or after the meeting, I will see that it is arranged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. M. Cram".

R. M. CRAM
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1 December 1975

Mr. Angus M. Thuermer
CIA Headquarters
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

The Burlington Rotary Club, Burlington, Vermont, would like to invite a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency to speak at one of our meetings next February or March. Our meetings are held on Monday noons at the Ramada Inn in South Burlington, Vermont.

Many of us feel that the adverse coverage of CIA operations and policies has been one-sided and distorted. In any case, we would like to have the opportunity to hear the views and positions of the CIA. I have been given your name as the man to contact in the hope of arranging for a speaker.

There are just over 150 members in the Burlington Rotary Club which is the largest in the Rotary District which embraces parts of Vermont, New Hampshire and two cities in Quebec. Among our members are many prominent businessmen, doctors, lawyers, members of college faculties and members of the public media including the Managing Editor and Editorial Editor of Vermont's largest newspaper, and the president of the local TV station. Accordingly, the local Rotary Club would provide an excellent forum for coverage throughout the State of Vermont.

Mr. Angus M. Thuermer
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We do not normally pay the expenses of speakers so I would appreciate being advised if this creates a problem. I do hope your agency will be able to honor our request.

Sincerely,



RMC/w

R. M. CRAM
Major General
Immediate Past President
Burlington Rotary Club